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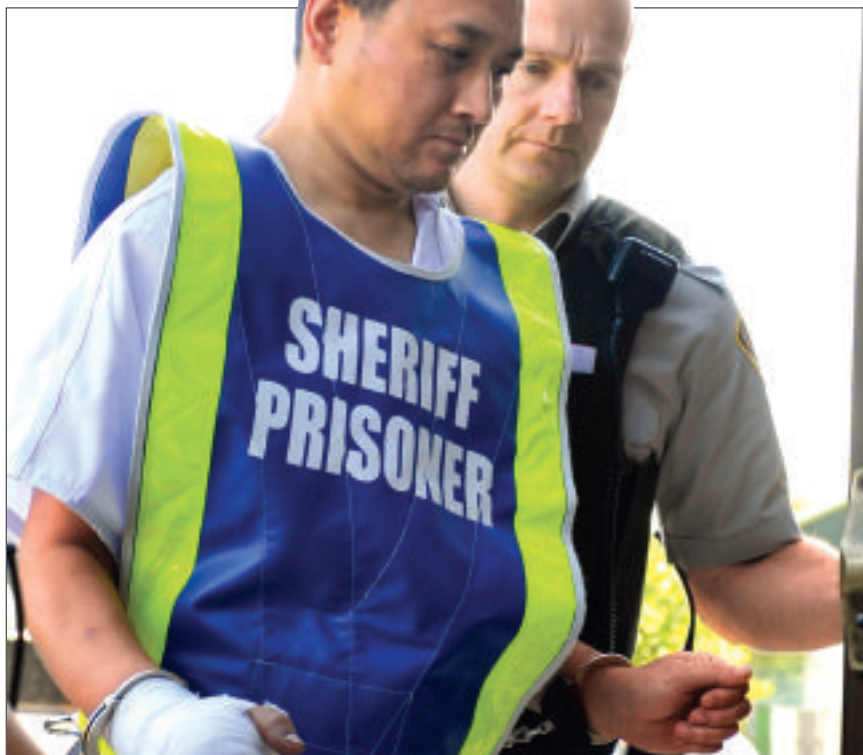
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Vince Weiguang Li, left, is escorted yesterday by sheriff officers on his way to a court appearance in Portage la Prairie.

'Please kill me': Li

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The man accused of stabbing, decapitating and eating part of a Greyhound bus whispered, "please kill me" in court yesterday when a judge asked him if he wanted a lawyer.

They were Vince Weiguang Li's first public words — and his second court appearance — since allegedly killing Tim McLean, 22, in an unprovoked attack on July 30.

McLean was heading home to Winnipeg after spending the first half of the summer working the carnival circuit around Western Canada.

His friend Teisha Ryley, who met McLean when they worked at the PNE together two years ago, said he planned to finish his summer working at the PNE and hoped to move to Vancouver per-

'Bus rage'

- Greyhound has removed advertising billboards carrying the slogan, "There's a reason you've never heard of bus rage" since the incident.
- Li immigrated to Canada from China in 2001, and allegedly worked a series of night-shift jobs in Winnipeg and Edmonton, including delivering newspapers and working at Wal-Mart.

manently.

"The PNE was his favourite stop," said Ryley, 19, who lives in Coquitlam. "He always said that he didn't really care for the money, if he got to travel and died a broke guy he'd be happy."

Ryley said McLean's death has been a shock to his friends in Vancouver. "Friday morning I got a call from my friend (who) also worked with him and ... I didn't believe it. I went downstairs and

... put on the news and then I started crying. I felt really sick to my stomach."

She described him as irreplaceable and having an infectious smile.

Ryley said she's planning a fundraiser at the PNE "to pay for his final expenses," while donating the profits to charity.

It's unclear what provoked Li, 40, to attack a sleeping McLean.

Terrified riders described running off the vehicle and watching in horror as Li nonchalantly walked up to the door and dropped McLean's severed head.

When police arrested him after a six-hour standoff they found a severed ear, nose and lips in a plastic bag in his pocket.

Judge Michel Chartier ordered that he undergo psychiatric tests to see if he is fit to stand trial on second-degree murder charges.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 8.

Judge orders psych evaluation

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A man accused of rampaging through Davie Village with a claw hammer, striking nine people following Sunday's Pride Parade, was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation yesterday afternoon.

Khalid Alzghoul, 31, was wearing a long-sleeved white collared shirt during his initial court appearance on 17 charges, including assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm.

Alzghoul, who wears his hair in a bushy Afro and has a small goatee, moustache and sideburns, glanced around the courtroom as a judge ordered him held in custody for a psychiatric evaluation.

Alzghoul has no criminal history and will return to court this morning.

On Sunday, at about 10:15 p.m., police said a man ran into the Majestic Restaurant and Lounge in Davie Village and struck an unsuspecting man in the head with a hammer.

A witness said the man held a handgun (a fake) to keep people at bay and then struck a doorman, three others on the patio and another man as he ran off.

The man ran to nearby Characters Restaurant and clubbed two women on the patio with their backs to the street.

A bystander tackled the man and held him until police arrived.

High-speed chase ends in packed playground

A stolen pick-up being pursued by police drove through an East Vancouver playground packed with children yesterday morning.

At about 10 a.m. officers spotted the vehicle and were in pursuit when the driver veered through Prince Edward Park near Main Street and 22nd Avenue.

A 19-year-old woman and 31-year-old man from Winnipeg were later arrested and are facing numerous charges.

Const. Jana McGuinness said officers gave up the chase when it became apparent that children in the area could be endangered.

McGuinness added the officers' actions would be investigated.

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Older boat to fill in for new ferry

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Near end of line for Cambie construction

Canada Line construction along Cambie Street in Vancouver is roughly 80 per cent complete and regular traffic flow is expected to return to normal by the end of September or early October. The Canada Line is slated to open in November of 2009.

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Advocates to hold 'nurse-in'

Dispute over breastfeeding leads to rally at H&M store

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Breastfeeding advocates are holding a "nurse-in" at a Vancouver clothing store tomorrow after a new mother said she was told to stop nursing and move to a private changing room.

The company however said the incident was a misunderstanding and the fitting room was offered out of courtesy to make it easier and more comfortable for the nursing woman.

"I was upset and completely humiliated," said Manuela Valle, 34, a PhD student in women's and gender studies at the University of B.C., who said she planned to file a human rights complaint yesterday. "They made me feel completely shameful and obscene."

On Saturday, Valle was shopping with her husband and two-month-old daughter Ramona at the new

When and where

- The "nurse-in" will be held in the H&M tomorrow between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

H&M clothing store on Granville Street. Valle was breastfeeding, when a clerk came up and allegedly told her the feeding was making customers uncomfortable and asked that she move to a fitting room to continue. Valle claimed the clerk, and later a manager, told her it was the store's policy.

Laura Shankland, a spokeswoman for H&M Canada, said the fitting room was offered to make Valle more comfortable.

"We allow — of course — women to breastfeed in our stores," Shankland said. "It's certainly not our policy to disallow that ... we've really apologized and again we can only apologize."

She said unfortunately Valle took the offered room the wrong way.

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Manuela Valle breastfeeds her daughter Ramona at Café Deux Soleils on Commercial Drive.

Police blame street racing in fiery crash that killed one

INJURED One person died and another is on life support after a fiery car crash caused by a street race, Delta Police said yesterday.

After one of two vehicles racing southbound on Scott Road was pulled over by police around 11 p.m. on Monday, the other sped away. It hit another vehicle and crashed through a metal guardrail, landing at the bottom of a 30-metre-deep ravine and bursting into flames.

"The driver of the second vehicle that fled from police, a 38-year-old male, is in serious condition on life support at Royal Columbian Hospital," said Const. Wave Steinwand. "The passenger was pro-

nounced dead at the scene."

Myles Ballendine who lives nearby said the car just hit the curb and went down sideways. "There were no skid marks, so the incident must've happened too quickly for the driver to pull the breaks," he said.

The driver of the vehicle stopped by police, a 30-year-old man, was charged with impaired and dangerous driving.

A section of Nordel Way was closed during yesterday's morning rush as the vehicle — crumpled grey metal that appeared to be a Dodge Charger — was pulled from the ravine.

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

RESCUE An Abbotsford man has been rescued from the Coleman Glacier on Mount Baker, news1130.com reports. Nathan Prachnau, 29, broke his ankle and was airlifted to hospital in Bellingham, Wash. The glacier is popular with ice climbers.

ARREST Police arrested a man who barricaded himself in a Burnaby home and threatened to hurt a man, 19, with a hammer. Police got the victim out of the house through a window before officers got in and arrested a 57-year-old man. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Two men who had been drinking and jumped barefoot off a charter boat sailing up Indian Arm are being blamed for causing a time-consuming and expensive coast guard and police effort. Rescue crews searched for 10 hours before finding the men cold and tired in the bush at 4:30 a.m. **NEWS1130.COM**

Remains in shoe human: Police

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The black athletic shoe found on a Washington State beach contains human remains, U.S. investigators confirmed

yesterday.

According to Ron Peregrin, Clallam County undersheriff, the King County medical examiner also determined that the foot was naturally detached from a human body.

The shoe was found Fri-

DNA test results

- DNA test results on the foot found in a black athletic shoe on a Washington State beach are expected in about six weeks.

day along the Strait of Juan de Fuca — a 40-kilo-

metre wide saltwater channel between Port An-

geles and southern Vancouver Island. U.S. investigators are working with the RCMP to see if the remains are linked to the five dismembered feet found on B.C. beaches over the past year.

No suspects in deadly Chilliwack shooting

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One man is dead and two others are injured after an early morning shooting in Chilliwack.

RCMP was called around 2:30 a.m. yesterday and found a dead man and two injured people at a home on Bole Avenue.

Const. Tara Harrington said the injured pair was transported to hospital with serious injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

“(The) Integrated Homicide Investigation Team along with police dog services and forensics are assisting with the investigation,” she said.

Police have no suspects but are canvassing residents in the neighbourhood for information, she added.

None of the victims have been identified.

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Did Pam grill KFC on 'faux' chicken?

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When will the world accommodate us (vegetarians)?

MEHANDI SANDHU, BURNABY

News in brief

ESCAPEE ARRESTED One of two escaped prisoners from the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre was arrested yesterday morning, cknw.com reports. Wilson Jones, 38, walked away from the correctional centre two weeks ago. Police are still looking for Colin Richardson.

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A Canadian couple is seeking to sell the rights to the defunct luxury automaker Packard along with a high-end prototype car, with the hopes of resurrecting the legendary brand. They are asking \$1.5 million for the name and trademark that dates back to 1902. **REUTERS**

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Dr. Steven Laviolette of the University of Western Ontario speaking about manipulating receptors affected by cigarettes.



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METRO NEWS SERVICES

Surveillance amuses MacNeil

DEAN LISK
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The RCMP may have thought of her as someone to be watched, but Rita MacNeil didn't think of herself as a threat.

It was revealed yesterday the singer from Big Pond, Cape Breton, was among the women the force kept an eye on while monitoring feminist rallies and the women's movement in the 1970s.

"It's strange. All I did was sing my songs. That was it. That was my part," MacNeil said.

"I am sure if I was under surveillance it had to be all of us under surveillance. I can only say I don't know why."

The Juno winner found out only recently the Mounties had compiled in-



It was recently revealed the RCMP had singer Rita MacNeil under surveillance during the 1970s.

formation on her time spent with the Toronto Women's Caucus.

"I meet some of those ladies today after my

shows in different part of this country and they all have grey hair like me now. We just talk about the time we had and the

interesting moments it brought to our lives — I didn't know it would bring in the RCMP as well."

MacNeil said she got involved after being reluctantly brought to a meeting by a friend. The more she learned, the more interested she became — and eventually began writing songs about the movement.

"I find it strange why it made such a big splash," she added.

MacNeil said she might check out what else the RCMP gathered on her.

"I might learn a few things I didn't know about. God knows, I might have a split personality," she added. "I should be under surveillance now because I just did a children's CD, and they should be watching those Big Pond concerts — that's all I can tell you."

Khadr charges unlikely to be dismissed: Lawyer

MOTION Omar Khadr's U.S. military lawyer, who filed three motions this week in an effort to have the charges against his client dismissed, says he has "no faith" the bid will be accepted.

"I am not terribly confident we are going to get the release we are looking for from the military judge," said U.S. Navy Lt.-Cmdr. William Kuebler yesterday.

Kuebler filed the motions with the Guan-

tanamo Bay military commission on Monday, arguing that "unlawful influence" has tainted the process and limited access to relevant information he needs to defend 21-year-old Khadr, who faces a war crimes trial in October.

Kuebler alleges that he discovered interrogators had been encouraged to destroy notes with "interrogation information."



William Kuebler

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA Thanks mainly to offshore resources, the Nova Scotia government is reporting what it describes as the province's "largest surplus ever" — \$419 million.

FALL A Calgary climber was listed in critical condition after tumbling down a mountain in Banff National Park. Wardens say the man fell about 100 metres.

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World



Olympic village free of 'frangers'

Boxes of free condoms had to be handed out at the 2004 Athens Olympics after contraception ran out at the previous Games in Sydney, but in Beijing, some athletes are disappointed to find the condom gift-bags lacking. "I haven't seen any bags of frangers," said world champion rower Amber Halliday, using a slang word for condoms from her native Australia. "But the Australian Olympic Committee has a big bowl out on the table and you can help yourself." **REUTERS**

Gotti Jr. faces drug, murder charges

CRIME John "Junior" Gotti, the accused Mafia boss who beat federal charges three times by having cases end in mistrials, was indicted yesterday on conspiracy charges including murder and cocaine trafficking.



John Gotti Jr.

A judge denied Gotti bail after federal authorities arrested him at his Long Island home on suspicion of conspiracy to traffic cocaine and murder three men between 1988 and 1991. The indictment was unsealed in Tampa, Fla., and Gotti may face trial there.

REUTERS

Tight security greets torch in host city

Olympic flame also tours quake-hit region

The Olympic torch arrived in China's capital yesterday after a jubilant reception in the quake-ravaged southwest, as Beijing tries to choreograph a happy ending to its troubled international tour.

Beijing's residents have been warned they will face sweeping security to prevent any more trouble — and bad publicity — on the last leg of the tour ahead of Friday's opening ceremony. "This is the pride of the Chinese people," worker Xu Min said amid cheering crowds watching the flame in Chengdu, capital of quake-hit Sichuan province where 70,000 people died.

"This is the pride of the Chinese people."

Xu Min, worker

But far to the northwest, questions about dissent and China's human rights record refused to go away, after suspected Islamist separatists killed 16 policemen on Monday in what a senior local Communist Party official called a "terrorist attack." Riot police flooded the streets in the old Silk Road city of Kashgar and stopped cars. Exiled dissident groups said many local Muslims had been rounded up, and some beaten. Japan

protested after police also beat up two of its journalists there.

Chinese and Olympics officials shrugged off the attack, assuring 10,500 athletes from 205 countries they would be safe.

The last leg of the Olympic torch's mammoth 130-day tour starts at Beijing's Forbidden City today, before being taken round landmarks like Tiananmen Square.

In a tradition started before the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the flame is lit from the sun's rays in Olympia, Greece, then travels the globe.

REUTERS

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Korea Picking another Booger



American Bernann McKinney holds one of five cloned puppies, the offspring of her late bullterrier Booger, upon her first meeting with them at the Seoul National University Hospital for Animals in Seoul, South Korea yesterday.

REUTERS/JOHNSHAWK

News in brief

STORM Tropical Storm Edouard plowed into a wildlife refuge on the upper Texas coast early yesterday, bringing driving rains and peak winds near 105 km/h, but leaving key energy instal-

lations mostly unscathed. Edouard was just below hurricane strength when it came ashore at the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, forecasters said.

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Business

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Business in brief

BREWER Molson Coors Brewing Co. said second quarter net profit tumbled 56 per cent to \$80.9 million US, or 43 cents per share, from \$184.9 million, or \$1.12 per share, a year earlier, sending its shares down as much as 15 per cent.

REFINERY Petro-Canada has begun closing down its 125,000 barrel per day refinery in Edmonton, ramping up to a full closure over the next week, as it launches a planned 60-day maintenance shutdown to tie in new equipment. **REUTERS**

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Glamour at the Bay

HBC appoints veteran Brooks to head chain

The new head of Canada's oldest department store chain, Bonnie Brooks, will bring a sense of fashion, style and glamour to the job, observers say.

With 30 years' fashion industry experience, including stints at Holt Renfrew, the now defunct women's specialty chain Dylex and Flare magazine, Brooks completes a power-

ful triumvirate under HBC's new owners.

"She will bring a level of class or style that may not have been at the Bay before," said Toronto-based retail consultant Len Kubas.

Brooks leaves a huge job in Asia where she was president of Lane Crawford Joyce



Brooks

Group, a 500-store luxury fashion retailer referred to as "the Harrods of Hong Kong."

Brooks has indicated one of her main tasks would be attracting more prestige brands to the Bay. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Sony goes solo as BMG disbands

BOUGHT Sony Corp agreed to buy Bertelsmann's 50 per cent stake in their Sony BMG music joint venture for around \$900 million US, ending a four-year venture that never managed to beat the music industry's woes.

The music company — the world's second-largest after Universal — will now be called Sony Music Entertainment Inc. (SMEI).

Recording artists at SMEI will include Celine Dion, Alicia Keys, Bruce Springsteen, Justin Timberlake, Usher and Jay Chou.

In August 2004, Germany's privately owned Bertelsmann teamed up with Japan's Sony to create the venture — which includes labels such as Arista Records and Zomba — to save costs amid a decline in album sales worldwide. **REUTERS**

Barrick silent on buying mine stake

GOLD Barrick Gold refused to speculate yesterday whether it would be interested in buying Newmont Mining's stake in the Kalgoorlie mine in Australia, which Newmont has suggested it may sell. **REUTERS**

Phones Slowing down



A woman checks her reflection as she uses a public phone in Manila yesterday. Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, the country's dominant telecoms firm, said slowing demand has made it cautious about achieving its 2008 target.

Plunging resource stocks hit loonie

SELL-OFF Canada's dollar fell to the lowest in nearly a year and the Toronto Stock Exchange tumbled along with it yesterday amid a major sell-off of resource stocks and commodities prompting some analysts to officially declare the end of the red hot commodity rally.

A worsening global growth outlook and prospects for increased supply sent raw materials such as crude oil, soybeans and gasoline tumbling from record highs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

U.S. charges 11 in theft of TJX data

NUMBERS U.S. authorities charged 11 people from five countries with stealing tens of millions of credit and debit card numbers from major retailers, including TJX Cos Inc, in one of the largest identity-theft schemes on record.

The ring hacked into retailers' computers to steal data, which was sold to people in the U.S. and Europe. The buyers then withdrew thousands of dollars at a time from automated teller machines, officials said. **REUTERS**



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Lagley's Lawrie signs with Brewers

A day after joining Canada's Olympic baseball team in Beijing, Langley's Brett Lawrie picked up a bit of spending money for the trip. The 18 year-old has signed with the Milwaukee Brewers after being selected 16th overall in this year's draft. Lawrie's signing bonus is purportedly in the neighborhood of \$1.6 million. **SCOTT RINTOUL/METRO VANCOUVER**

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Sports



Boller gets start in opener

Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh announced that veteran Kyle Boller, left, will be the starting quarterback for the team's preseason opener against the New England Patriots tomorrow in Foxboro. Boller is competing against former Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and rookie first-round pick Joe Flacco for the starting job.

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Jays wisely turned down Bay deal

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These would have been Bay Days for the Blue Jays had the club's decision-makers been willing to relinquish their top two prospects last week.

Front-office sources with the Pittsburgh Pirates told Metro yesterday that, before MLB's July 31 trade deadline, they made a two-for-one proposal in which they would have dealt Canadian all-star **Jason Bay** to Toronto for minor-leaguers **Travis Snider** and **Brett Cecil**.

The Jays mulled it over and declined. Snider is a power-hitting outfielder/

first baseman. Cecil is a left-handed pitcher. Baseball America ranks the two as the Jays' most promising minor-leaguers.

Bay, a B.C. native, wound up in the Boston Red Sox' outfield as part of a three-way deal that sent the Pirates prospects and the Los Angeles Dodgers all-star outfielder **Manny Ramirez**.

Bay has excelled with Boston so far. He entered last night with six runs and a .315 average in 16 at-bats.

• Not that Ramirez has been slouching in L.A. He entered last night with a .615 average and five runs batted in after 13 at-bats. And I'm sensing an all-L.A. World Series in October — the Dodgers and the Angels.

• The Stampeders and their fans are still fuming about their one-point loss to the Roughriders in Cal-

gary Saturday night, partly because the officials mistakenly ejected linebacker **Jojuan Armour** after the game's second defensive snap and partly because some Saskatchewan fans in attendance refused to abide by the moment of silence devoted to ex-CFLer **Leif Pettersen**.

But it's the undefeated Riders who have filed an official complaint against Calgary, demanding league executives review what they considered an illegal, horse-collar tackle by the Stamps' **Brandon Browner** on the Riders' **Carl Berman**.

Should be an interesting rematch in Regina tomorrow, with Armour vowing that Rider running back **Wes Cates** won't come close to the 139 yards he gained last week.

• The Beijing Olympics will enable a Canadian

website to become the world's first social networking company to make measurable income for sponsors.

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The lockdown: Users can sign on at **freemyteam.com**, enter a code and collect \$10 off at a Shoeless Joe's restaurant. "Watch the Olympics there and cheer on our athletes," Saraga said. "It's a win-win. Shoeless Joe's makes money and our users save money."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Vancouver Whitecaps completed their four-game road trip to the southeastern United States on a disappointing note after a 3-2 defeat at Atlanta Silverbacks last night.

NFL Green Bay Packers quarterback **Brett Favre** has reportedly asked the team for his release. ESPN.com reported that Favre acknowl-

edged that he was a loggerheads with the organization and believed the "best thing for this team is for us to part ways."

MLB The Arizona Diamondbacks have reached an agreement on a two-year contract extension with pitcher **Dan Haren**.

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Seattle 8 Minnesota 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee 4 Cincinnati 9:35
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 11:20
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 12:40
Atlanta at San Francisco, 12:45
Florida at Philadelphia, 4:05
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 4:10
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 5:15
Washington at Colorado, 6:05

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St. Louis 6 L.A. Dodgers 4
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Minnesota at Seattle, 1:40
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Boston at Kansas City, 5:10
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 5:11
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 11:20
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 12:40
Atlanta at San Francisco, 12:45
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Russian race walker Vladimir Kanaikin tested positive for the banned drug EPO and has been suspended. He is the seventh athlete to be thrown off the Russian team in the past week. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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China detains Tibet protesters

POLITICS Two American and two British protesters displaying "Free Tibet" banners in the Chinese capital were detained yesterday after a demonstration challenging authorities as the Olympics torch passed through the city.

The protesters unfurled Tibetan flags and banners declaring "One World, One Dream: Free Tibet" and "Tibet will be free," the group Students for a Free Tibet said in an e-mailed statement.

The British and American protesters were being investigated by police, the Beijing Games spokesman Sun Weide told a news conference. "The Chinese government has very clear laws and regulations," he said of protests.

The three men and one woman gathered near the main Bird's Nest Stadium, where the Games open on Friday, and two of the men climbed electricity poles to unfurl the banners, China's official Xinhua news agency said.

Tenzin Dorjee, deputy director of Students for a Free Tibet, said the protest was to dramatize complaints about Tibet days before the Games begin.

"As the Chinese leadership prepares its display of grandeur and power in Beijing ... it is waging a ruthless campaign of repression inside Tibet," he said in the e-mailed statement. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

CYCLING Portuguese Olympic cyclist Sergio Paulinho, silver medalist in Athens, has dropped out of Beijing because of a respiratory problem, coach Jose Poiera said yesterday.

HOCKEY Australia's Fiona Johnson has been ruled out of the women's hockey at the Beijing Games with a hamstring injury, a team official said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

END IN SIGHT? Canada's track and field team has been shut out from medalling since 1996, but the drought could end this month. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

2 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

High hopes for kayaker

Adam van Koeeverden expected to medal in K-1 500 and 1,000 metres

MARTY YORK
Metro Canada

If you're Canadian, and you'd like to see your country capture a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing this month, you ought to focus your attention on the man with the six-syllable name: Adam van Koeeverden.

He's a kayaker from Oakville, Ont. And he's easily your best bet.

"The guy is definitely the stud of the Canadian Olympic team," says The Toronto Star's Olympic expert, Randy Starkman. "No one's got a track record like him going into the Games — Olympic champion, world champion, winner of five of six World Cups this season, newly minted record holder. This guy thrives under pressure. He's a favourite for the podium in both



Kayaker Adam van Koeeverden, 26, was recently named as Canada's flag-bearer.

the K-1 500 and 1,000 metres."

Van Koeeverden also was named Canada's flag-bearer for the opening ceremonies in Beijing.

And unlike other athletes selected in the past as Canada's flag-bearer, van Koeeverden isn't bristling or suggesting the notion of carrying his country's colours could be detrimental to his success. He's actually embracing the opportunity.

"It's a great honour," he

said. "I just hope I don't let anybody down."

He hasn't done much letting down in recent years. He won the gold medal in the men's K-1 500 metres at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. And he believes that, at 26, he's in even better physical condition now. And he also thinks he knows what to expect from his competition.

No Canadian in any sport has had more success than van Koeeverden heading toward the Beijing Games.

He's won five of six World Cup races this summer — he won a bronze in the other — and all the events had him competing against the world's top kayakers. He raised his career total to 21 victories. Fact is, he's never been beaten in the 500-metre competition.

"That means people will be formulating their racing and training plans in an effort to beat me," van Koeeverden acknowledged, "but I'm cool with that. I

"I recognize there's a lot of work I need to do. I need to get better at certain things."

Adam van Koeeverden

think it's wonderful to be that guy ...

"At the same time, I recognize there's a lot of work I need to do. I need to get better at certain things. I'm trying to improve."

That he has reached this point is remarkable in itself. By his own admission, he is not a natural athlete. It was only because he couldn't master any team sport that he started kayaking at age 13.

"I can't really dribble a basketball or kick a soccer ball," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I was a natural athlete. I have good pain tolerance and my endurance is good. I'm a good runner. But I used to feel weird in gym class because I wasn't good at any team sports, and I felt inferior to the kids who were."

So he turned to kayaking, where he clearly gives Canada its best gold-medal hope in Beijing.

Vancouver learning from China

From the laptop locks for reporters at the main press centre to the bus schedules and marketing schemes, Vancouver 2010 chief John Furlong is leaving nothing to chance. This is Vancouver's last opportunity to watch how the Olympics are done before the curtain comes down on the Beijing opera and the spotlight turns to British Columbia.

Furlong and 37 others from the Vancouver Organizing Committee are patrolling every nook and cranny of Beijing, learning everything they possibly can about the last Olympics that will be held prior to the Winter Games of 2010.

"Jacques Rogge (the IOC president) was in Vancouver a while back and he told us, 'The weight will

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John Furlong

fall very swiftly on your shoulders. Every minute, every day, every word you say will be written about, analyzed and editorialized. Just like that."

Furlong said facilities for the media are top of his mind.

"This is how the rest of the world comes face to face with the Olympics," he said. "The press centre and the broadcast centres are very important to us."

Furlong has noted the issues with fraudulent ticket sales in Australia as tickets for Vancouver will start be-

ing sold Oct. 3. He also expects to hear questions from IOC about the recent landslide that closed the highway between Vancouver and Whistler.

Furlong said there were considerably more Vancouver organizers in Turin for the Winter Games because there was more to learn. But it still will cost \$600,000 to have 2010 officials stationed in China for the Summer Games, which start Friday.

Almost all the venues that will be used for the Vancouver-Whistler Games, including the new speed-skating oval in Richmond, are finished. Organizers want everything ready as early as they can so all the venues will be fully tested, and so Canadian athletes can start learning the nu-



A man walks through the Olympic Green in Beijing yesterday.

ances of the various facilities to aid Canada's quest to finish first in the medal standings come 2010.

Asked if he's scared about following what everyone so far thinks is the best organized Games they've seen, Furlong said he's relying on the character of Canadians to make a big impression come February 2010.

"We have to be unique and special and spectac-

ular in our own way," he said.

As much as he's impressed with the park at the north end of the Olympic Green in north Beijing — "it's three times the size of Stanley Park, with lakes and streams and rare trees; it's magnificent" — and with the sparkling venues, Furlong is anxious to see how the Chinese react if and when something goes wrong. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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back-to-school shopping

- With a new school year looming, work is about to get a lot busier, Yantha predicts.
- "Worse than Christmas" is how she describes back-to-school shopping.
- She says that jean colours this fall will be dominated by blacks and greys, but styles will remain much the same, like skinnies and trousers.

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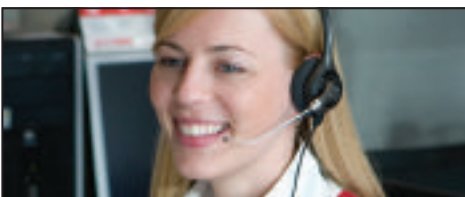
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Surprising choice for Bootlegger jeans

ANDREW KING
for Metro Canada



Last February, marketing executives at Canadian jean-maker Bootlegger launched a national campaign to find a spokesperson to represent the brand. Their choice was surprising.

"I am not a fashionable person," claimed Amber Yantha, Bootlegger's spokesperson and "full-fledged jean-e-ologist," an in-store jeans expert who helps customers find the right fit. "When I was expressing interest in the position my manager wouldn't stop laughing, he's was like 'you can't match,' but I was like 'I want to!'"

Yantha said that being a jean-e-ologist consists of three levels of jean expertise, ranging from knowing the basic fit of the jeans, what styles suit certain body types, to in-depth knowledge of fabrics and understanding the make-up of the jean.

"I generally let (customers) try on what they want first, but then I explain ... 'that's not really going to work for you ... so try this as well.'"



Amber Yantha, spokeswoman for Bootlegger.

Yantha has been with Bootlegger for two-and-a-half years. However, she said she doesn't think that makes her an expert in fashion, especially since

she never had any intention of falling into her current position.

"I'm not the person at all that you would expect to see in a clothing store,"

"I am not a fashionable person ... I'm not the person at all that you would expect to see in a clothing store,"

Amber Yantha

she said, insisting that she's just a "jeans and T-shirt type of girl" but her love of jeans combined with her interest in helping people is why she enjoys her job.

Yantha recently completed a diploma in marketing, which she is putting to good use, not only as a jean-e-ologist, but also as the company's national spokesperson. Her life now includes photo shoots and interviews to promote jeans in addition to helping people find a look that suits them.

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A beauty product that tastes great

Seaweed harvester extols the virtues of her grimy hull

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Nine years ago, Diane Bernard decided to launch her own business. But what? The expert in criminology, who's now 56, would sit on the shore near her home in Sooke, B.C., chewing seaweed and thinking of a concept that incorporated the coastal, natural world. She chewed seaweed as she walked through the

forest, checking out wild plants with product potential. She gnawed on more seaweed during fact-finding meetings with businesspeople.

She began gardening, and tried using seaweed as a fertilizer. In a chat with a chef one day, she idly mentioned seaweed. "Wow, that's different!" was the response.

Soon after, she was lugging pails of the green stuff into high-end kitchens and chefs used it for wraps and sauces. She got a seaweed harvesting permit that covered 69 kilometres of shoreline, began reading up on this amazing ocean plant (400 varieties on the Pacific coast; fastest grow-

ing plant in the world) and spent most days between March 21 and Sept. 21 on the water.

She'd go out at low tide with rubber boots, a backpack, a walking stick and a knife, hook or pair of scissors. Seaweed anchors itself to rocks with a holdfast and if you cut it instead of yanking it up, it will grow back. She'd taste as she went and would pile 30 pounds of harvest on her back. With rough waters at her feet and such a heavy load, it was physically grueling work. And since storms could rise up quickly and even in summer the water was extremely cold, it was also dangerous.

Bernard loved the taste

of seaweed. But the rest of the Canada? Not so much. With just a handful of local chefs buying her low-priced product, she brought in a mere \$5,000 her first year in business.

Then, in 2002, a hotel chef introduced her to the manager of the adjacent spa. Bernard knew this was it. She started talking with spa managers. They loved the idea of seaweed products and told her how the industry worked.

Bernard created her first Seaflo Skincare product that year: A seaweed and B.C. glacial clay body wrap. Now, she's got 26 products and seven full-time employees.

She also has a team of

part-timers who harvest from shore or on her five boats. Bernard still spends a lot of time on the water: Observing the seaweed in winter months, doing water quality tests twice a year, helping with the harvest or running her seaweed coastal tours.

Bernard sells her certified organic, all-Canadian product line with reassurances that seaweed does wonders for the skin. But she still loves to chew on the stuff. Sure, it's full of vitamins and minerals, but it tastes great, too: Some varieties resemble zucchini, while others have an herbal flavour. "It's a total surprise in the mouth, in a good way."

The Lowdown

Job title: Seaweed harvester
Salary: "I pay them a good wage."

Education: A degree in marine biology or just a good understanding of the ocean — she hires surfers and former fishermen.

Best part of the job: "Running the seaweed tours. Watching people change their knowledge of the coastline."

Worst part of the job: "The ocean's constantly there, and it's hard for me to get away from my work. I live on the coast and I'm always looking out at the water and thinking: 'The seaweed's there.'"

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Sonata hits right note

Popular ride retuned

MARK ATKINSON
 for Metro Canada


Hyundai has made plenty of changes to its mid-size 2009 Sonata, aimed at making its bread-and-butter sedan an easier choice in a very challenging market segment.

Responding to complaints from some quarters about an overly plasticky interior, ride quality, steering feel and seat comfort, Hyundai's mid-cycle revamp for 2009 tackles these issues head on.

The biggest changes can be seen inside with the use of improved materials with soft-touch plastics and (in Limited models) wood trim to liven up the atmosphere. The gauge layout remains the same, but now uses blue backlighting for improved readability.

Larger, re-profiled front seats also provide better support for the daily commute. Otherwise, the interior remains the largest in this segment, despite the

latest Honda Accord and Toyota Camry getting larger with their recent re-designs.

External changes consist mainly of mild cosmetic changes to the headlamps, grille and front bumper.

Under the skin, some suspension tweaks and quicker steering response make the Sonata more fun to drive while firming up ride comfort.

Engine choices stay the same for '09 but both have been retuned for more power and better fuel economy. The 2.4-litre four-cylinder now produces 175 horsepower while the 3.3-litre V6 brings a strong 249 hp to the party. Fuel efficiency improvements see the 2.4-litre unit delivering 8.02 L/100 km in the combined cycle with the V6 at a competitive 9.05 L/100 km.

The four-cylinder engine benefits from a new five-speed automatic transmission in place of the old four-speed 'box and is also available with a five-speed man-



Hyundai has made plenty of changes to its mid-size 2009 Sonata, making its popular ride more attractive for consumers.



Inside, Hyundai offers more standard equipment than ever, including heated seats and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

ual in the base GL trim. The V6 is exclusively paired with a five-speed manual in all trim levels.

Safety hasn't been ignored either as the Sonata comes standard with ABS

and electronic brake-force distribution, along with six airbags. Brake assist is available on higher-end models.

True to its roots, Hyundai offers even more standard equipment than

ever, including heated seats and steering wheel-mounted audio controls on every model.

The base four-cylinder GL starts at \$21,995 with a manual transmission and moves to \$23,395 when the automatic is added. With either you get a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, power windows, locks and heated mirrors, keyless entry, alarm system, cruise control, AM/FM/XM/CD/MP3 audio system with six speakers, telescopic steering wheel, driver's seat lumbar support and more.

The \$27,795 V6 GL adds alloy wheels, fog lights and a power driver's seat. Elec-

2009 Hyundai Sonata

Type: Mid-size 5-pass. sedan FWD
Price: \$21,995 - \$31,495
Engine: 2.4L I4 DOHC/3.3L V6 DOHC
HP: 175 @ 6,000 rpm/249 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque: 168 @ 4,000 rpm/229 @ 4,500 rpm

Highlights

- Improved interior
- Better seating
- More power
- Increased fuel efficiency
- Value for money

tronic stability and traction control are also included on this model.



Ford Focus

Focus most improved, study says

Amid all the current auto industry gloom, a ray of sunshine has emerged for the Ford Motor Co.

Its Focus is the most improved vehicle in the industry's top study measuring customer-pleasing design, content, and vehicle performance.

In J.D. Power and Associ-

ates 2008 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study, the Focus raised its score over last year by 88 index points — the biggest improvement in the industry.

The compact Focus performed better than the segment average in every cate-

gory, scoring especially well in the areas of fuel economy, audio/entertainment/navigation, interior styling and exterior styling.

Its appeal to buyers bears out in the marketplace: Focus retail sales in the U.S. are up 64 per cent year-to-date (five per cent

in Canada) while industry-wide retail sales of small cars are up 10 per cent.

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Acura sticks to roots

TSX adds more appeal without losing its athletic tradition

BILL MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada



While the 2009 version of Acura's TSX offers a lot more room, comfort, features and technology than before, it has managed to stay true to its predecessor's image of a light, nimble and athletic sport sedan.

The design looks more evolutionary than revolutionary. A wider, bolder stance certainly gives it a sportier flavour but it also sits on a longer 2705 mm wheelbase (a 35 mm stretch over the outgoing model).

Overall, its body is slightly longer than before and wider too — all of which translates into a generous driver-oriented interior with more hip room and shoulder space.

The new look is dominated up front by a chiseled 'signature' grille, sharp elongated headlamps and bold fender flares.

The overall shape is clean and crisp, with strong character lines helping to shape the side surfaces.

But what is really seen in the new look is a clue to Acura's future styling direction for its sedans.

A lighter, stiffer body, coupled with revisions to the front and rear suspension, brings a noticeable increase in agility, along with a flatter, more controlled ride, improved high-speed stability and reduced road noise.

The 201 horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine brings improved perform-



The 2009 Acura TSX

2009 Acura TSX

Type: Mid-size 5-pass. sedan
FWD
Price: \$34,200 - \$39,000
Engine: 2.4L I4 DOHC
HP: 201 @ 7,000 rpm
Torque: 172 @ 4,400 rpm

Highlights

- Ride smoothness and quietness
- Interior comfort
- Handling agility
- Sharp-edged athletic styling

ance. Though the power output is actually down a tad from the '08 model, its useable power comes across a much wider rpm range, while a titch more torque further strengthens pulling power at middle rpm levels.

This allows more response off the line and out of corners while maintaining its strength in the rpm range where the engine operates most of the time.

Two transmissions are



A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

available: a standard six-speed manual with revised ratios for better performance and an available five-speed automatic with a new lock-up torque converter assembly, steering wheel-mounted F1-style paddle shifters, and intelligent features such as Grade Logic Control and Shift Hold Control, which makes driving on hilly or winding roads more en-

joyable.

The manual is more fun, naturally, but the automatic is well suited to the engine's traits too.

A thicker steering wheel rim with fingertip buttons for Bluetooth and voice activation controls is a new feature in the sophisticated and well-finished interior.

Standard features on the \$34,200 base model include a sunroof, seven-

speaker sound system, dual-zone climate control, power (heated) eight-way driver and four-way front passenger seats.

Moving up a notch, a mid-range \$36,200 (with manual) Premium Package adds leather seats, XM Radio, automatic headlight, two-position memory driver seat and digital media auxiliary USB jack with iPod/iPhone compatibility. HID headlamps and fog lights improve functionality and add style.

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There's no doubt the new TSX comes with lots of added appeal — enough to satisfy its loyal followers and tempt those who before might not have considered it.

Driving around bikes

Rising fuel costs have encouraged soaring cycle use — so we are seeing bicyclists on the roads with many different levels of experience.

This can be a problem for drivers; we need to take extra care to judge their speed — as well as the road and weather conditions — from the new biker's point of view.

Remember too that some bike riders, particularly younger ones, have never driven a car, and so don't recognize the problems that they can cause car drivers. In an accident involving a car and a cyclist, whoever is to blame the cyclist will always be the more vulnerable to a serious injury.

Sharing the road

To help prevent potential conflict here are a few pointers to bear in mind:

- Bike riders don't have steel armour round them like drivers do. Passing them at speed within a foot of their elbow may feel perfectly safe from where you are, but it is very disconcerting when you are the cyclist.
- In traffic, make sure you don't cut off a biker who is about to pass you on the inside. Don't try to cut across a cyclist when you need to turn right at an intersection. Wait behind the cyclist until the he/she has either turned right or passed the cross street.
- Park with care and don't open any door until you're sure there is no cyclist coming up on either side.

Automotive in brief

PRICING Mercedes-Benz Canada says that pricing will remain virtually identical to 2008 for its facelifted '09 B-Class and the C-Class, two of the most affordable models

in the automaker's range. The pricing remains static despite a new design for the B-Class and additional standard features for both models.

Mexico flexes sports car muscle

Bristling with design flair, the Mastretta MXT is an exciting new sports car that's sure to put Mexico on the map.

The lightweight two-seater, which spiced up the recent British International Motor Show, weighs just 900 kg.

And with top speed of 241 km/h (150 mph), it is aimed at thrill seekers who also have an eye to the environment, who want to have fun and enjoy driving without causing damage through their car's excessive weight and power.

The two-seat, rear-drive MXT coupe, the first car to be designed and built in Mexico, has a 240 horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged Duratec engine,

pushing it to 100 km/h (just over 60 mph) in less than five seconds.

Its bonded aluminum chassis features aircraft style technology.

Closed mould techniques sculpt the distinctive body from high quality fibreglass and the air-conditioned interior is leather-trimmed.

The Mastretta MXT



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Critter encounter

The Alaska SeaLife Center has launched a program called Marine Mammal Encounter, which lets visitors get up close and personal with resident sea lions and harbor seals including Snapper, a 400-plus-pound harbor seal. Guests can participate in a harbor seal training session with the centre's mammalogists. Visit alaskasealife.org. TRAVELALASKA.COM

The sounds of the Marvellous City

LIA HAMA
Metro World News



Tom Jobim and Vinícius de Moraes' *Girl from Ipanema* is probably still the most famous Brazilian song in the world, and the first thing that comes to mind when you are strolling down the beachfront of Rio de Janeiro.

But the city that gave birth to bossa nova and samba has many other musical styles to offer visitors. As well as local pop-rock, hip hop and electronic music and the distinctive favela funk that originates from the shanty towns of Rio, there are many fusions of styles including samba-rock, electro-samba and bossa-jazz.

The seductive sounds of what Brazilians call the



Gafieira Estudantina in Rio de Janeiro holds 1,500 people.

Cidade Maravilhosa, or Marvellous City, offer the perfect soundtrack for a visit to this vibrant city.

Here's where to go to hear the best music.

Samba

Lapa and Santa Teresa: Traditional samba saw a re-birth in the 1990s in Rio, with the opening of new bars in Lapa, the historical district that's home to the famous aqueduct, Arcos da Lapa.

A rising star intimately linked to this renaissance is Teresa Cristina and Grupo Semente, who perform in the area.

Two good places to see classic artists and new talent in Lapa are Carioca da Gema (Rua Mem de Sá, 79, Lapa, barcariocadagem.com.br) and Democráticus (Rua do Riachuelo, 91, Lapa).

MPB, bossa nova, rock

Circo Voador, Verão da Urca, Oi Noites Cariocas: A good setting to see MPB (Música Popular Brasileira, or Brazilian Popular Music) and local rock live concerts is Circo Voador (or Flying Circus), an outdoor concert venue on Rua dos Arcos, Lapa (circovoador.com.br).

In summer, the best venue is Verão no Morro, which happens on the mountaintop of Sugar Loaf complex, with a fabulous view of the city (Avenida Pasteur, 520, Praia Vermelha, Urca, morrodaurca.com).

Rock and MPB concerts there attract a well-dressed crowd from Zona Sul (the wealthy area of Rio). (Rua Rodrigues Alves, 10, Centro, oinoitescariocas.oi.com.br).

Funk

Favelas: Born in the favelas, Rio's bass-heavy funk is now part of the city's mainstream, attracting wealthy people as well as the favelas' communities. A famous baile (dance or ball) funk which attracts lots of tourists is Castelo das Pedras, in Jacarepaguá. (Estrada de Jacarepaguá, 3600, Rio das Pedras, castelodaspedras.com.br).

Gafieira

Lapa: Rio's old-school dance halls, the gafieiras, were established in the 1920s for the urban working class, but nowadays attract a young, trendy crowd. The most famous one is Gafieira Estudantina, which opened in 1932, holds 1,500 people. (Praça Tiradentes, 79, Centro).

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Unearthing Sri Lanka's sapphires

It's a country of coastlines, religious festivals and tea plantations. Formerly Ceylon, Sri Lanka is home to some 21 million people who rock a lion on their

national flag, love spicy curry, and — despite the huge popularity of cricket — boast volleyball as their national sport.

Day two of my weeklong journey finds me travel-

ling from the urban sprawl of Colombo to the green rice paddies of the Sri Lankan countryside. From the comfort of an air-conditioned bus, I watch local life speed past.

Children skip to school in crisp, white uniforms. Women work among vipers in sugarcane plantations. Men dig around in the muck, searching for unpolished gemstones.

In the Ratnapura region, there are plenty of mining pits, hand-dug by teams of workers on the hunt for precious stones.

Sri Lanka is known as "the island of gems." It has a long history of gem mining and trading, dating back some 2,000 years. "This is one of the best places in the world to buy sapphires," my guide says.

I ask if we can stop to check out the mines, then hop out of the bus and descend upon the crew of nine.

Teeth stained red from betelnut (a popular chewing-tobacco-like stimulant), they kindly take me through the gem-mining, or "gemming" process.

With rudimentary machines that sputter and smoke, they dredge for deposits. As with panning for gold, they take a rattan basket and swirl it around, trying to extract the valu-

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Julia Dimon

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able gems from the clay, gravel and sand. This place places them into waist-high water, and knee-deep mud as thick as cement.

As I survey the workers, many look injured — one has a cut over his eye, another a bloody bandage covering his big toe.

And they only get paid if they find something worth selling. The investor, who gets 50 per cent of any revenue, is the only one allowed to sort through the day's finds.

The team watches eagerly as he picks at the gravel. No sapphires this time, only a few mature semi-precious stones with little value.

I have a new appreciation for sapphires, and, more importantly, for those who toil to find them. I'm truly amazed at the blood, sweat and time it takes to get the gem out of the ground and on its way to your jewelry case.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN, and editor of thetraveljunkie.ca.

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Lie to Me, Williams says

Kelli Williams, best known as The Practice's feisty Lindsey Dole, will join Tim Roth in the human lie detector business, in the Fox pilot Lie to Me. **MTVGUIDE.COM**

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Entertainment

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**Ugly guests**

Live with Regis and Kelly co-hosts Kelly Ripa and Regis Philbin will appear as themselves on the Sept. 25 premiere of Ugly Betty.

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The cult of friendship

Groups of friends can feel like sisterhood, author says

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada



Carmen, Tibby, Bridget, Lena — and you. You don't have to squeeze into the jeans to be part of the Sisterhood.

"The idea of there being four equally weighted protagonists, it makes you feel like you're part of something," Ann Brashares said about the appeal of her bestselling teen series The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. "You're almost part of this group, this sisterhood. It feels communal and welcoming, this governing spirit of a very deep and unconditional friendship."

Brashares, in Toronto recently to promote the movie Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, believes in bonds. It seems sisters don't have to do it for themselves.

"I think there's always the fantasy of a really great, sustaining friendship. And I've tried to depict that — realistically," Brashares said. "I believe those friendships really do exist. I don't think it's fantasy."

"This is the kind of friendship people want, where it's the kind of friends who are happy when you're happy, and sad when you're sad."

The second Sisterhood movie, which opens today, draws from the final three books in the series.

"I feel like it was a difficult job to pull that together, and that they really managed to do it," Brashares said about Pants 2. "I think there are some insights and connections that aren't necessarily in the books. But that was interesting to me."

did you know?

- A writer and more: Ann Brashares plays cello at the professional level and has taken pictures for National Geographic.
- She was legally blind as a small child.
- She lists Judy Blume, George Eliot and Marcel Proust among her favourite writers.



Ann Brashares is the author of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series.

There may not be another Sisterhood movie, but the story lives on. In January, 3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows is scheduled to hit the shelves. In the book, Brashares continues her exploration of women maintaining friendships while growing into separate, individual lives.

But the exploration will be in a familiar context.

"It takes place in the same world as the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants books, but there are new characters," Brashares said about 3 Willows. "There are many, many things that are familiar, even little cameos of old

characters. They grew up in the same town, and they are starting the same high school where the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants girls went. And they know of them."

Brashares, who published her first adult novel last year, has no problem revisiting the Sisterhood — as long as it's on her terms.

"I don't want to feel like I have to keep going back to the same thing because that's what people want from me," she said. "I want to be able to continue to grow as a writer, to do new things, to try new things."

"And when the spirit moves me to write about a character I've written about before, I want to have the freedom to do that."



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Traveling Pants 2 gets a big cheer

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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

Director: Sanaa Hamri

Stars: America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel

Classification: PG13

Rating: ●●●●

There's a telling, tense scene early in Sisterhood 2 where America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn and Alexis Bledel gather to renew the ritual of the traveling pants.

The pants (as you would know if you're familiar with the first movie or Ann Brashares's series of novels) miraculously fit all four friends. They pass them off to one another, and stay close at the same time. It's a common bond for the four unlikely but likeable friends as they take separate paths to adulthood.

But hang on — those jeans (and those friendships) appear to be fading

fast. The ritual has become tiresome for three of them, and it looks like the BFFs might be DOA.

And so Sisterhood 2 explores how the foursome handle increasingly adult responsibilities in their ever-separating lives, all the while struggling to maintain their childhood friendships. There's a lot of life packed in to the four lives: a pregnancy scare, relationship issues, coping with death, family bonds, new love vs. old flame, a new career ... The stories of their lives are intercut, and Hamri generally does a good job of giving each story the right amount of room to push the plot along.

At the end of the day, Sisterhood 2 is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course). In reality, most of us do change and outgrow our childhood friendships. That catchup phone call, e-mail, lunch, or coffee date never comes. Sisterhood 2 gives us the chance to vicariously stay close to everyone we love.

Express a hip comedy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Pineapple Express

Director: David Gordon Green

Stars: Seth Rogen, James Franco

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●●●●½

These days, there likely isn't a much more critic-proof movie than Pineapple Express. Not only is it produced by comedy king Judd Apatow but it was co-written by and stars Hollywood's favorite pot-smoking court jester, Seth Rogen. Throw in a shoot 'em up and it's a trifecta of silliness that's guaranteed to attract young audiences.

A simple story, Express is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server named Dale (Rogen) who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder involving a dirty cop and a drug lord. Together, the two ston-

ers run, hide and get wasted becoming unlikely pals amidst the chaotic action.

Rogen and co-writer Evan Goldberg were heavily inspired by such buddy/action fare as Lethal Weapon and it shows. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works for its unique ability to craft extremely likeable characters that aren't usually portrayed likeable in the movies. Just as they did with their script for Superbad, they do it again here.

As with Superbad, Apatow and Rogen have created an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters. Further, they achieved an even more incredible feat: They resurrected Huey Lewis to pen an impossibly cool theme song. Who knew he still had it in him? Apparently, they did.

movie listings

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Going out

7:30 p.m. Vancouver TheatreSports. At New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: \$10.50-14.50. Info: vtl.com.

8 p.m. Twelfth Night. At Bard on the Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: \$33. Info: bardonthebeach.org.

8 p.m. The Back Kitchen Release Party. At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: \$31-38. Info: artsclub.com.

8 p.m. American vocalist/guitarist Black Francis performs live. At The Media Club, 695 Cambie St. Tix: \$24.40. Info: the-mediaclub.ca.

9:15 p.m. Improv Cabaret. At New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: \$8.50. Info: vtl.com.

Kaiser Chiefs reveal guest appearances

MUSIC The Kaiser Chiefs have revealed new details on their forthcoming third album, *Off With Their Heads*, Ananova.com reports.

The followup to 2007's *Yours Truly, Angry Mob* will be preceded by the first single, *Never Miss A Beat*. Released on Oct. 6, the single features Lily Allen on backing vocals.

"*Never Miss A Beat* was the song that kicked it all off. We wanted some female backing vocals at the end so asked Lily Allen and some members of New Young Pony Club," the band said in a statement. The new album also features a guest appearance from acclaimed grime rapper, Sway, on new song *Half The Truth*, whilst Bond-theme maestro David Arnold arranged strings for *Like It Too Much*. *Off With Their Heads* is due for release on Oct. 13.

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In brief

COURTS E! talking head Giuliana Rancic is taking the William Morris Agency to court, PageSix.com reports. Rancic, who hosts E! News with Ryan Seacrest, is suing her former agency for "breach of contract and fiduciary duty," according to her lawyer, Paul Sorrell. "They put the interests of other clients they had ahead of hers," Sorrell said. "It was a major conflict of interest, so she fired them. She's claiming all money back that she paid them and damages in the millions." William Morris declined comment.

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Lythgoe leaves Idol

American Idol executive producer Nigel Lythgoe, right, announced he's leaving Idol to devote his time to a new development venture with 19 Entertainment head and fellow Idol mastermind Simon Fuller, reports E! News Online. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Jay-Z meets Nardwuar, Scarjo's fiancé in town

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Pharrell Williams of N.E.R.D. was so impressed by the research and interview skills of Nardwuar the Human Serviette recently that he went out of his way to arrange a Jay-Z interview for him at the Pemberton Music Festival. During Nardwuar's first meeting with Pharrell here in Vancouver a few weeks back, the eccentric local interviewer brought rare vinyl records of Carl Sagan's Music of the Cosmos (which

Pharrell is hugely influenced by), Wreckx-N-Effect's 1992 single Rump Shaker (which Pharrell produced at 17 and ended up ghostwriting a verse on) and made countless obscure references to Virginia, Pharrell's home state. "P made at least four calls to help make it happen," said a source.

A new TV series called Harper's Island begins filming in Vancouver Friday. The hour-long horror-inspired drama is set on an island with a shady past off the coast of Seattle where a

group of friends have gathered for a wedding. Plans are disrupted, however, when a serial killer begins picking them off. The murder mystery will be executive produced by Jeffrey Bell, whose credits include The X-Files and Alias.

RANDOM ROUND-UP: Ryan Reynolds – without fiancée Scarlett Johansson – was spotted on Main Street and in Kitsilano last week; Pamela Anderson was at the KFC on Denman Street Monday endorsing their new faux-chicken vegetarian sandwich.

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620	523	9	BVO	Entourage	Bravonews	Law & Order "Matrimony"		Without a Trace (CC)	Entourage	Confessions-Diving		
601	522	9	SLC	Inside Hollywood (N) (CC)		X-Weighted "Nicole" Dancer.		Work Out (CC)	Inside Hollywood (CC)	Trading Sp		
520	505	9	DIS	Mayday "Fanning the Flames"		Daily Planet "Goes North 3"		MythBusters "Lead Balloon"	Dirty Jobs "Bridge Painter"	Mayday (CC)		
522	506	9	HIS	NCIS "Boxed In" (CC)		Hiroshima *** (1995) (Part 2 of 2) Lynne Adams. Premiere.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	NCIS "Boxed In" (CC)	Crime Stories		
527	528	9	SPC	Supernatural "Mystery Spot"		Stargate SG-1 "Heroes"		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)	Star Trek Gen.		
294	525	9	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Air America ** (1990) Mel Gibson. (CC)		
619	525	9	TROP	TV Made	TV Made	ET Canada	What	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fraser (CC)	Family Guy
603	561	9	FN	The Next Food	Network Star	Challenge "Mac & Cheese"		Iron Chef America (CC)	The Next Food	Network Star	Challenge	
626	547	9	COM	Air Force	22 Minutes	Laughs	Comer Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	Tom Green	Daily Show
320	621	9	CEN	(6:30) A Life Interrupted (CC)		Poor Boy's Game *** (2007) Premiere.		(45) The Invasion *** (2007) Nicole Kidman. (CC)				
581	566	9	MTV	Buzzin	Run's House	MTV Live	Second Half	From G's to Gents (CC)	Buzzin	Run's House	MTV Live	
261	394	9	V	Long Haul, Big	Hearts (CC)	Side Effects "Rust Proof"		Jeeves and Wooster (CC)	Chambers	No Place Like	Paid Program	
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critics' corner

The Baby Borrowers

The idea behind this show was to give young people eager for parenthood a taste of what it's like — in hopes of dissuading them from rushing into it. The series ended last week, but in this new "Town Meeting" episode, those who took part reunite to talk with one another and the producers about the experience and its impact on their lives. Let's hope they learned something. 9 PM on NBC



Law & Order

Nobody died in the scandal involving former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and a prostitution ring, but the same can't be said for this episode, in which a jeweler is killed after exposing his brother-in-law's ties to a call-girl operation called the Excalibur Club. A deposit made to the victim's bank account helps Lupu and Bernard (Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson). The trial phase poses a threat to McCoy's (Sam Waterston) job in "Excalibur." 10 PM on NBC

Heather Graham is single again after splitting from boyfriend Charles Ferri. The actress, 38, and the club boss had been dating for two years. A source tells People magazine the relationship was "pretty serious." **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Oprah hauls \$385 million

EARNINGS Oprah Winfrey earns a whopping \$385 million US a year.

Simon Cowell banks \$50 million.

David Letterman? \$32 million!

They're among the stars who appear in TV Guide's annual star salary survey, based on information from TV industry insiders and published sources, us-magazine.com reports.

According to TV Guide, Charlie Sheen is the highest-paid comedy star on primetime television, with \$825,000 per episode.

CSI's William Peterson — who is leaving the show this upcoming season — is the highest-paid actor in a prime-time drama, earning \$600,000 per episode.

With \$400,000 an episode, *Law & Order: SVU* star Mariska Hargitay is the highest-paid actress in a drama. Kyrá Sedgwick takes home \$275,000 per episode of TNT's *The Closer*, making her top-earning actress on a cable network drama.

Some stars make serious money without appearing on TV at all.

Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, who supplies the voice of lead character Peter Griffin, just signed a deal with Fox that will net him \$100 million through 2012.

And *The Simpsons* cast — Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith and Hank

Azaria — each earn \$400,000 per episode.

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Sexy Eva ad axed

ADVERTISEMENT Actress Eva Mendes' saucy perfume advertisement for Calvin Klein has been boycotted by several U.S. TV networks, imdb.com reports.

Bosses at national broadcasting stations are refusing to air the commercial for the company's Secret Obsession fragrance, in which the nude star writhes seductively on a bed.

Tom Murry,

president of Calvin Klein Inc., tells the New York Daily News, "We believe the commercial is exceptional and hits the mark for Secret Obsession. We are anticipating a very successful global launch."

A censored clip is expected to be shown on U.S. cable networks after the 9 p.m. watershed, while the unedited version will air in full in other countries.

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celebrity brief

Paris too busy for stage role

THEATRE Socialite Paris Hilton turned down the chance to take to the stage in London's West End, because the play didn't fit in with her schedule, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress was recently approached to take on the role of Roxie Hart in hit musical *Chicago*.

But Hilton turned down the part because it meant she would have to endure a gruelling six-day week.

"I was flattered," she said, "but with my schedule, there was no way I could fit it in."

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No fertility help needed

FAMILY Actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are setting the record straight about their newborn babies, Knox and Vivienne, intouchweekly.com reports.

Jolie denies *Us Weekly*'s recent report that she underwent fertility treatments.

"If they had been conceived through IVF, we would have been happy to discuss it," she tells *People* magazine about the twins, who were born on July 12. "But

we have been fortunate never to have had fertility problems."

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Tori wants hubby in 90210

FAMILY Actress Tori Spelling has launched a bid to land her husband Dean McDermott a guest spot alongside her in the forthcoming Beverly Hills 90210 spinoff, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"Tori asked the producers to find a spot for him, maybe a

guest-starring role that could turn into something permanent," a source tells the magazine.

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Shannon denies engagement with Dancing partner

RUMOURS Actress Shannon Elizabeth has laughed off reports she is engaged to her former *Dancing With The Stars* partner Derek Hough, imdb.com reports.

The couple met when the American Pie star was paired up with the dancer to compete in the 2008 series of the talent competition, in which they came in sixth place.

Star magazine reported

last month that their relationship was going so well, Hough had proposed to Elizabeth but she turned him down.

But the 34-year-old claims there is no truth to the speculation, insisting they are happy as boyfriend and girlfriend.

"There's this whole weird rumour going around," *People*.com reports.

"One of them says that he proposed and I said no, and the other says he proposed and I said yes, and we're getting married. Neither one is true."

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Miley babysitter for Simpson?

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus wants to babysit for Pete Wentz and Ashlee Simpson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star "worships" Simpson — who is expecting her first child with husband Wentz lat-

er this year — and was the first to offer to look after the as-yet-unborn baby.

"I just met your beautiful wife backstage. I worship her — I'll babysit!" Cyrus said to Wentz at a taping of his TV show *F'N MTV*.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Anyone investigating **Mary-Kate Olsen** in the matter of **Heath Ledger's** death is playing a dangerous game. If you're as familiar as I am with the movies she made with her sister Ashley, such as *It Takes Two*, *Our Lips Are Sealed*, and *New York Minute*, you'll know she's an expert at switching places with her twin in order to flabbergast adults and get what she wants. It's probably the only skill she possesses, other than going up to 10 days without blinking, dressing like an alien overlord, and sharing her *OxyContin*, but I digress.

Once more, **Angelina Jolie** has displayed the sheer vastness of her compassion by brushing off claims that she and **Brad Pitt** conceived their new twins with the aid of fertility treatments. She knows the little people, like you and especially me, need to believe in the divine powers of our celebrities, including their ability to procreate. Also, we won't get through to breakfast tomorrow if robbed of our mental images of people far more attractive than us humping. I think the U.N. gives out commissions for that kind of service, and I nominate Angie.

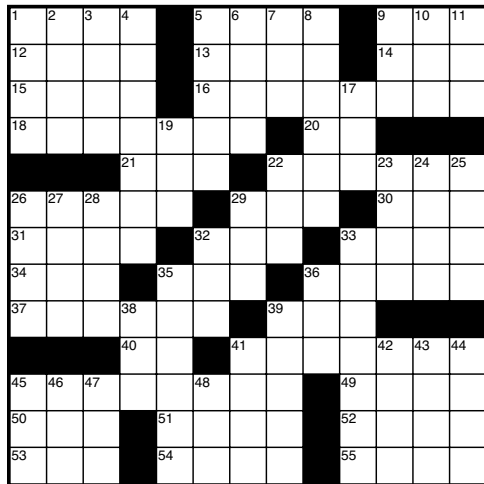
You can't really blame **Paris Hilton** for turning down the six-day work week of the theatre in order to maintain her schedule of go to club, go to other club, go to other club, make sex tape. Either way, the performance ends up being terrible.

Directorial debut

Actor Mark Ruffalo is set to make his feature directing debut on the drama *Sympathy for Delicious*. Ruffalo will pull double duty on the film, co-starring along with James Franco and writer-actor Chris Thornton. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Rural sight
- 2 Name in essays
- 3 Romance, to Pedro
- 4 Rags
- 5 Soft-furred pet
- 6 Winged god
- 7 Mag execs
- 8 Fed the furnace
- 9 Famous Khan
- 10 Dawdle
- 11 Bartenders requests
- 17 Wetland area
- 19 Horror-flick street
- 22 Big tub
- 23 Dressy event
- 24 Baha'i origin
- 25 Still-active volcano
- 26 Got older

- 27 Summer-camp site
- 28 Aid and —
- 29 Cosmonaut space lab
- 32 Villain's laugh
- 33 Surfaced
- 35 Tentacle possessors
- 36 Downed a sub
- 38 Canine comment
- 39 Al of Indy fame
- 41 In that case (2 wds.)
- 42 Inner —
- 43 Important mineral
- 44 Dad's sister
- 45 Club stint
- 46 Lyric poem
- 47 Cereal grain
- 48 Runway hazard

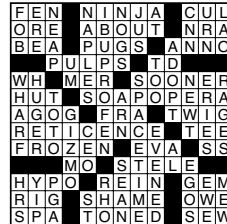
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Crossword across

- 1 Great achievement
- 5 Red meat
- 9 Cassius Clay
- 12 — mater
- 13 Pakistani language
- 14 Run around
- 15 Public disorder
- 16 Horse feeders
- 18 Weasel cousins
- 20 — cal
- 21 Ron who played Tarzan
- 22 Carrot or spud
- 26 Beeper
- 29 Ticked off
- 30 Museum contents
- 31 Chitchats
- 32 Bang into
- 33 Vitality
- 34 Just scrape by
- 35 Galley mover
- 36 Freezer name
- 37 Tear off

- 39 Navaho foe
- 40 Gridiron pos.
- 41 Physics topic
- 45 Slackers (hyph.)
- 49 Meditation guide
- 50 Wyo. neighbor
- 51 Work as a model
- 52 Poet's black
- 53 Hear clearly
- 54 Frankenstein's gofer
- 55 Ding a door

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You'll be taken off guard at a meeting. Someone has made noise too many times. A woman will pretend to be poverty-stricken.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A romantic fling can satisfy while easing anxiety. Avoid meddling. Someone will speak the magic word. Come up with some bright ideas.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Give compliments to a neglected person. Someone will try to use humour to relieve tension. You'll be unsure about dreams of power.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Mood related incidents cause heated debates. Co-workers will leave you holding the bag. Refuse to use trickery to get what you want.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't fail to measure up to your own wisdom. A connection from the past resurfaces. Somebody wants out of an agreement.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Gain an advantage by doing less than expected. A boss needs help with a telephone call. Romance thrives in the evening.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A man's inspiring love is discovered. Don't return to the scene of a crime. Temperature becomes an impediment.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Legal problems involve personality issues. Protect yourself from people who demand too much. Try to be less predictable.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Never mind past troubles; just get on with your life. Attend to your hair and scalp needs. There's nothing worth hearing from a cynic.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You have nerve, power and talent. Love letters excite ripples of satisfaction. Refuse to be tormented by jealousy.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Something's got to give in unhappy relationship. Don't intimidate a harmless person just for fun. A sizzling seduction has an impact.



PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Painful memories are shared with others. A troublesome situation will be to your advantage. A tantrum grates on jagged nerves.



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Sudoku

		6				9		
	7	1	2		4	3	6	
8	3						1	4
			1	2	9			
				5				
			7	8	3			
4	9						8	3
	5	2	3		8	6	7	
		8				5		

previous day's answer

7	3	1	6	9	8	2	5	4
5	6	8	3	2	4	7	1	9
2	4	9	1	7	5	3	8	6
3	1	4	9	6	2	8	7	5
9	8	7	5	1	3	6	4	2
6	2	5	8	4	7	9	3	1
1	7	3	2	5	6	4	9	8
4	9	2	7	8	1	5	6	3
8	5	6	4	3	9	1	2	7

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13..... Genius
13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart
21-25..... Not bad

25+..... Keep practising
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Afternoon



Sunny.
25°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 16°

Thursday



Sunny.
22° / 13°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
20° / 14°

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Saturday



Showers.
18° / 12°

Temperature Normals
High: 22.4°
Low: 13.1°

Records
High: 28.3°/1942
Low: 9.4°/1939

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Moonrise: 12:26 p.m.
Moonset: 10:28 p.m.

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